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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 17 and continuing through page 22, line 17 as follows:

Test case execution 56 of SAFE test tool 10 provides a mechanism to run multiple test case executables when testing a functional element application task as indicated at 84 and 86. In a preferred embodiment, this testing employs a predetermined interface protocol for inter-process communications, e.g., the ADE protocol. Test case executable files 74 are therefore the compiled executable version of the test case generation file created within the test case creation 54 mode. For each test case, SAFE test tool 10 preferably provides a monitoring window, as indicated at 78, that displays the current status of the given task. During test case generation stage 54, preferably print statements (for instance print statements) are automatically inserted that generate or print the status in monitoring window 78. In addition, the user define options (e.g., data initiation buttons) are displayed as dictated by each test case. The run test case step 86 is then performed under initiation by a start options function 84, using as inputs the user defined ~~filed~~ file 62 and test case executable 74. Upon completion of the task execution, the results are output to the test case and may be stored in data storage 80 for future

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analysis or playback such as indicated at 82. SAFE test tool 10

is operable to maintain a unique interface file for each

functional element task as prescribed by the user.

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